

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A shift lever bush mounted between a shaft portion formed in one of a pair of axially two-piece-divided shift lever members and a cylindrical portion formed in the other of said pair of shift lever members, said shift lever bush comprising:

an inner cylindrical body mounted to said shaft portion of said one shift lever member by external interfit,

an outer cylindrical body disposed substantially coaxially with a cylinder axis of said inner cylindrical body so as to surround an outer peripheral surface of said inner cylindrical body, and mounted to said cylindrical portion of said other shift lever member by internal interfit, and

a rubber elastic body, fixedly attached to said outer peripheral surface of said inner cylindrical body, for connecting together said inner and outer cylindrical bodies,

wherein said rubber elastic body includes an interfit fixing portion which is fixed to an inner peripheral surface of said outer cylindrical body by internal interfit and at least one projecting portion which becomes radially convex from said inner cylindrical body toward said outer cylindrical body are formed ~~in said rubber elastic body~~, said interfit fixing portion and said projecting portion being ~~located~~ provided at different positions in the cylinder axis direction, and

wherein said outer cylindrical body includes a recessed portion, which becomes concave correspondingly to the shape of said projecting portion with a clearance of a given amount left between said recessed portion and said projecting portion, is ~~formed~~ provided at a position of said inner peripheral surface of said outer cylindrical body corresponding to the position of said projecting portion.

2. (Currently Amended) The shift lever bush of claim 1,

wherein said recessed portion of said outer cylindrical body is formed by a pair of recesses which are circumferentially spaced from each other by a given distance in said outer peripheral surface of said outer cylindrical body and which are so recessed as to respectively project toward said inner peripheral surface of said outer cylindrical body,

wherein said inner cylindrical body is inserted to the inside of said outer cylindrical body, with said rubber elastic body fixedly mounted to said inner cylindrical body, and wherein during said insertion said interfit fixing portion of said rubber elastic body is interfittingly fixed, by press fit, to said inner peripheral surface of said outer cylindrical body,

wherein said interfit fixing portion is formed at an end of said rubber elastic body on the side of a base end thereof in the direction of said insertion of said inner cylindrical body into said outer cylindrical body, and

wherein said rubber elastic body further includes an introduction portion, which becomes radially convex from said inner cylindrical body toward said outer cylindrical body and the amount of projection of which is smaller than that of said projecting portion, is ~~formed~~ provided at a position of said rubber elastic body located nearer to the side of a leading end of said inner cylindrical body in said insertion direction than said projecting portion.

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